I understand that the FCC is considering creating a new tarriff on wireless access. I am not an expert on tarriffs, but as a layman, I would like to object to this new tax. I have 2 objections:

1) Wireless Internet access typically originates from a wired connection, which is already taxed, thus this is double-jeopardy.

2) There is tremendous evidence that the Universal Service Fund, which is the model for the current tarriff, has been mismanaged and abused by the current carriers. The FCC should not give them more of the taxpayers' money to squander.

At the same time, I am finding that WIRELESS is the only way that I can get the Internet service I want, because the local telco MONOPOLY installed equipment that prevents DSL deployment in my area, and refuses under any circumstances to arrange for alternative connectivity. The very fact that Verizon is the only residential LEC in my area is an indication that they have abused their incumbency in the marketplace.

The proposed legislation is going to create a new "barrier to entry" for the one remaining network access protocol that is available at reasonable cost.

We in the wireless community urge you to drop this plan. Thank you
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